

JANUARY 25, 2005

CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Simillion, Stone, Smits and Duba present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Collins, City Clerk Davidson, Police Chief Keehne, Finance Director Hanson, Community Development Director Westbay, Planning Technician Ruggera, several interested citizens and the press. WSC Intern Johnston was absent.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes of January 11, 2005.

Councilor Simillion moved and Councilor Duba seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of January 11, 2005, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Jane Chaney with Gunnison/Crested Butte Tourism Association. Ms. Chaney introduced Rob Strickland, Marketing Coordinator for the Tourism Association (TA) and distributed copies of the new Crested Butte/Gunnison destination guide tourism publication. Ms. Chaney discussed the following items: A non-profits/local organizations needs analysis targeting festivals and events is being conducted to determine needs for marketing, promotion, funding and to propose solutions; the TA's Budget and expected tax revenue income for 2005; the TA's Advisory Board; and the TA's governance by the Board of County Commissioners.

Civic Economics Consultants Dan Houston & Matt Cunningham – Update on Fiscal Impact Analysis Project. Mr. Houston and Mr. Cunningham updated Council on the following: The 12 meetings they have planned for area focus groups; The analysis they are conducting of comparing shopping costs in Gunnison, Salida and Montrose; and the survey that is being conducted to determine local residents and visitor's shopping patterns. The survey is being mailed out in City of Gunnison utility bills, is available at a variety of locations, and is available in Spanish. The Fiscal Analysis results will be presented the first week of March.

Ashley King, Executive Director of Gunnison Arts Center. Ms. King updated Council on the 2004 activities at the Arts Center and reviewed some of the proposed 2005 activities.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

2005 Contracts for Service and Continuing Challenge Grants. Finance Director Hanson reviewed the 2005 Contracts for Service.

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Smits seconded the motion to approve the following contracts for service, authorize the Mayor to sign said contracts, and release the 2005 budgeted funds:

Safe Ride of Gunnison County in the amount of \$3,000
Gunnison Council for the Arts in the amount of \$15,000
Gunnison Animal Lovers in the amount of \$1,500
Gunnison County Literacy Action in the amount of \$1,500
Gunnison County Pioneer and Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000
Colorado Water Workshop in the amount of \$1,500
Jubilee House of Gunnison County, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200
Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce – Business Support in the amount of \$10,000
Gunnison Valley Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$15,000
Western State College – Counselor Visits in the amount of \$10,000
Tenderfoot Child and Development Center in the amount of \$20,000
Gunnison Valley Alliance for Community Restorative Justice in the amount of \$1,000

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Community Development Director Westbay and Planning Technician Ruggera reviewed the 2005 Continuing Challenge Grants.

Councilor Duba moved and Councilor Smits seconded the motion to approve the following Continuing Challenge Grants, authorize the Mayor's signature on said Grants, and to release the 2005 budgeted funds:

- Gunnison Car Show in the amount of \$500
- Gunnison Balloon Rally in the amount of \$325
- Gunnison Rotary Fireworks in the amount of \$4,000
- Gunnison Kiwanis Fishing Tournament in the amount of \$1,000
- Monarch Search & Rescue Fishing Tournament in the amount of \$1,000
- Western State College Archaeological Dig in the amount of \$2,500
- Cattlemen's Days in the amount of \$7,500
- Colorado Sports Festival (Whitewater Fest) in the amount of \$830

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Multi-Day Events Permit for Sundays at 7 Concerts from Gunnison Arts Center for Use of Jorgensen Park; Sunday Evenings from June 5th through August 7th. Executive Director Ashley King stated there are no changes from last year. City Clerk Davidson stated Council approval is required since this is a multi-day event for more than 3 days in the year.

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Simillion seconded the motion to approve the Multi-Day Events Permit for the 2005 Sundays at 7 Concert Series from the Gunnison Arts Center to be held at Jorgensen Park.

Roll call vote, yes: Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Update from Community Development Department – Andie Ruggera. Planning Technician Andie Ruggera updated Council on the following: Challenge Grant Program. 10 grants were awarded in 2004 with a total of \$12,109 being granted out; CityScape Program. Received 7 applications and 3 of those canceled. Only \$3,892 of the budgeted \$7,500 was awarded. The grant parameters are being re-evaluated; SculpTour had 12 sculptures placed. The winning piece was by Braden Williams and was purchased for \$750; Historic Preservation Committee worked on the designation of the Johnson Building (Vienna Bakery) on the County, State and now the Federal Register of Historic Buildings. The Post Office is now being considered for designation.

Ordinance and Resolutions: None.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr. Nothing to report.

City Manager: Mark Collins. Reported the following: The Community Center pledge letter has been sent out to local businesses and is available around town. Several pledges have already been received; Council will hear an update on the Community Center project on February 15. This will include the physical status, the building is at 55-60% completion at this time and a financial update; There was a mention in the latest CML Newsletter of City Clerk Davidson's CMCA Award; The 2005 Workplans are being completed and will be out to Council the first week of February; and he will be out of town all next week attending the Rocky Mountain Leadership Program in Colorado Springs. He received a \$2,000 scholarship to attend.

Acting City Manager: Police Chief Keehne. Reviewed the 2004 Annual Police Department Report including the 2004 crime statistics, and discussed the following: Outreach/education in the community, Retirement planning for the department; and Departmental staffing levels.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. Reported on several upcoming meetings; and asked Council if they had any agenda items for next week's Work Session. Having no items, Council concurred to cancel the Work Session for February 2, 2005.

WSC Intern: Matt Johnston. Not present.

Non-Scheduled Citizens:

Wilma Duffy, from the local **Kiwanis Club**, thanked Council for their continuing support through the Continuing Challenge Grant program and also thanked them for supporting the Arts Center.

Richard Karas, of the Gunnison Valley Community Alliance (GVCA), submitted a letter to Council refuting the letter distributed to Council last week by Don "Woody" Duncan. He stated Mr. Duncan's letter was riddled with errors, false accusations and was not accurate. Further, Mr. Karas stated representatives from the GVCA and the Gunnison Valley Economic Development Corporation met today and are working together on issues and to bridge the gaps on the big box retail/moratorium issues.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Councilor Simillion: Asked who maintains the bike path on North Main. City Manager Collins stated he will get with the Streets & Alley crew about clearing the path. He also reviewed future plans for curb/gutter/sidewalk improvements in that area.

Councilor Smits: Stated the sidewalk on West Spencer has not been cleared and it is a main artery for the school kids. City Manager Collins will get the information to Operations Manager Morgan. Councilor Smits also reported the GVEDC has officially appointed Mike Darnell as their Executive Director.

Councilor Duba: Thanked the Streets crew for clearing the alleys and reported the Gunnison Housing Authority is moving to hire their new director and the self-help build project is a little behind schedule due to the snow.

Councilor Stone: Nothing to report.

Mayor Ferguson: Reported on the Tourism Association "Summit" he and the City Manager attended in Mt. Crested Butte last week. The TA has a strong stance on their role as a marketing and advertising entity and not to provide financial support for local festivals and events.

Adjournment: At 8:01 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk